

## **Garnicks Music and The Slam at Club Mondo in Lowell**

Its Presidents Day and Cafe Mondo is having a slam. Cafe Mondo is located in the back of Garnick's Music Center on Middlesex St. Its little known by many and is not seen or usually accessed from the front of the store. The entrance is located in the alley in back of the building and is only open during late night hours with short notice when open. The Garnick Brothers, Robert, David and Paul have been an anchor in the music and the Lowell community at least since the 1950's. Probably earlier when it was operated by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garnick when they worked there when they were young. You'd have to ask them and they could tell you. In its heyday it was to the to buy records and concert tickets. That was mainly the job of Robert. Robert would have liked to perform in a Doo Wop band if he had the opportunity. He knew everything and anything you could ever want to know about any style of music or any recording artist. He knows all the local bands and all the musicians playing the area and they all visit Garnicks to buy records, tapes or tickets or talk to Robert. He is always interested on what was happening in the neighborhood and knows all the people in the area regardless of their status in life. To him Middlesex Street and its residents is like being at Venice Beach, one his favorite vacation spots when he visits his daughter in California. Paul knows all the albums and works everywhere in the store including selling stereo, TVs or records and helping David repair and deliver repairs or purchases to local customers. David the oldest and the first one to work at the store with his father and I would imagine his mother in the 50's or earlier. met Mr. and Mrs. Garnick and enjoyed their visits to the store in the early 70's when I began going there. You could see that the brothers came from excellent stock. David can repair anything in the world from electronics, TVs, Video games, anything with wires going back over 100 years. He books the acts or activities at Cafe Mondo when he's not delivering something or repairing something in the store. Paul is in charge of video recording the events with the help of Sidney Hipple, a local videographer and musician. Robert sells and buys albums and is always looking for older and large collections to sell in the store or on the internet. He travels around the area buying large collections of recorded music which includes not just albums 45's, cassettes but even eight track tapes and cds if the collection seems worthwhile and in good condition and for the right price. He will travel anywhere in the country or even the world if its a good deal and if he has the time and David isn't busy when he is gone and nothing else is happening at the store at the time. Robert also sells cds, dvds and even records of the acts, activities and of the building and the club video cameras on the side. Its a low profile activity at Cafe Mondo. Cafe Mondo was started and developed by Lance Gargoyle on the idea of past cool clubs where he video recorded blues and jazz bands around New England including Cafe No in Portland Maine, search Perfume Scorpions, a few other clubs that were also happening in the 1990's around Cambridge, Somerville, Boston, and the coolest club he ever visited only once when he video recorded the band PH101 in 2003 in New Jersey at the Broadway Cafe, search PH101.

Garnicks music is closed. The three brothers have left and gone home and been gone since six pm. Its ten pm. Lance Gargoyle is in charge and unlocks the

door in the alley behind Garnicks. The word has gone out. Big slam at Club Mondo. People start arriving for the evening. The door closes at eleven pm for the evening and opens at one am to leave. If you leave before closing you can't come back in. No one is allowed after the door is closed unless you are expected. The space can fit almost 75 people. Many important people involved in Lowell in some way make regular attendance. This includes policemen, firefighters, people who work at city hall and the library and merchants who care about the arts in Lowell. It's not just artists, musicians, actors, writers, film makers and people involved in the arts it's mostly the little people, the real unsung heroes of society. They deserve a diversion from the pains of life as much if not more than the ones that are well off. This bunch of people really care about Lowell and care about each other and look out for each other not only at Cafe Mondo but also out in the streets and in the world. The slams at Club Mondo aren't about doing poetry. That's too common and already done in Lowell with mostly Millbillies involved. Millbillies are people who move to Lowell or live in Lowell and think they are the driving force of life or culture in Lowell but have no real sincere interest in people who don't praise them or who ignore their sense of self-importance. Everyone is inside, the door is closed and locked.

A lot of the REAL underground people involved in Lowell are here. The stage has ten folding chairs in a semi circle set up. The guest slammers tonight include Pick Scales, Riff Tempo, Klunky Klipman, Bobby Venus, Weirdola, Wrang Zuppa, Mick Richards, Mustard Greens, Russell Sprouts and Henry Riddle. and we hear.... Let the Presidents Day Slam at Cafe Mondo begin. This is not a contest but a sharing of insights.

### **Russell Sprouts**

There's a difference in being  
blunt spoken and being crude  
and outspoken and discourteous

The lack of social awareness  
and comfort socially

### **Riff Tempo**

A bad man always needs something

### **Mick Richards**

Character is destiny

### **Klunky Klipman**

40% of why you are happy  
or not is driven by genes.  
15% is driven by circumstances.  
40% is up to you.

### **Bobby Venus**

They say that no amount of  
learning can cure stupidity

### **Wrang Zuppa**

He hasn't earned a place in society

to demonstrate his authority

**Henry Riddle**

Who could sleep three hours a day  
eat hamburgers and french fries  
never exercise and have that level  
of energy -WEIRD GENERIC FREAK?

**Mustard Greens**

is hurting peoples feelings more important  
than free speech. You can do anything you  
want until you lose decency to people you  
have a right to say whatever you want.

**Pick Scales**

Things of consequence  
rarely happen by accident

**Weirdola**

Its not just taking off a band aid  
its like taking off an arm

**Riff Tempo**

She has way more pride than her  
physical appearance would suggest

**Weirdola**

A happy person is not a person in a certain  
set of circumstance but rather a person with  
a certain setof attitudes.

**Bobby Venus**

Life is like a big canvas,Throw all the paint  
on it that you can

**Mick Richards**

If you are still talking about yesterday  
then you haven't done much today

**Henry Riddle**

Opportunity can create a thief

### **Klunky Klipman**

Things work out best for those who make the  
best of how things work out.

### **Wrang Zuppa**

A minute of thinking beforehand  
can save hours of worry later

### **Weirdola**

Children have more need of models than critics

### **Pick Scales**

We worry about what a child will be tomorrow  
yet we forget that he is someone today

### **Riff Tempo**

A handful of patience is worth  
more than a bushel of brains

### **Mustard Greens**

The world is full of willing  
people, Some willing to work,  
some willing to let them

### **Bobby Venus**

It's a funny thing about life,  
If you refuse to accept anything  
but the best you very often get it.

### **Mustard Greens**

I always prefer to believe the best  
of everybody. It saves so much time.

### **Bobby Venus**

An Ounce Of Behavior is worth a pound of Words

### **Mick Richards**

What are some of the attributes to being an asshole?  
Make people feel like shit. Get people pissed off.

Be exempt from the rules and duties of society.  
Praise only the people who can help you in life.  
Don't be afraid to shit or spit on someone if that's  
what needs to be done. Take advantage of anyone  
if the chance arises. Be provoked by the least  
provocation.

### **Pick Scales**

We Live in a sub-literate country

### **Riff Tempo**

Progress comes from the bottom

### **Mick Richards**

The most civilized societies are the  
ones that can move empathy to  
larger reins

### **Wrang Zuppa**

If you are born with enough money you really  
don't need to know that much about it.

### **Henry Riddle**

He's like a great Dane released at a toddlers  
birthday part

### **Weirdola**

He's as crooked as a dog's hind leg.

### **Russell Sprouts**

No one ever went broke underestimating the  
intelligence of the American people.

### **Weirdola**

He's an insult wrapped in a riddle wrapped in an opportunity.

### **Wrang Zuppa**

The US is 5% of the world's population  
and uses 75% of the prescription drugs  
in the world.

### **Mustard Greens**

Why do we have private healthcare insurance companies at all? Shouldn't insurance be for things you aren't sure about? You get car insurance because you aren't sure you're going to have an accident.

### **Wrang Zuppa**

You can be sure of one thing. Someday you are going to get sick and at some point you are going to die.

### **Russell Sprouts**

Why do you need insurance for that? Don't you just need healthcare?

### **Pick Scales**

Why should life and death and sickness be up for the profit motive?

### **Riff Tempo**

The world has lost more than half its wildlife in 40 years.

### **Mick Richards**

Most coastal cities will face routine flooding in our lifetime.

### **Henry Riddle**

2015 is the warmest year on record.

### **Mustard Greens**

Seas are rising at fastest rate in last 28 centuries. Researchers estimate that the cost of relocating the 13.1 million people displaced by sea-level rise would be 14 trillion.

### **Klunky Klipman**

A new study shows us methane emissions are drastically underestimated. Scientists warn of the perilous climate shift within decades not centuries.

### **Weirdola**

Numbers of managed honey bee colonies are plummeting.

### **Klunky Klipman**

Nasa says melting ice sheets are changing  
the way the Earth wobbles on its axis.

### **Mustard Greens**

Wild fires,once confined to a season burn earlier and longer

### **Mick Richards**

In the Arctic the ice sheet is melting  
and the Russians and Chinese are trying  
to get the resources that are now revealed.

### **Pick Scales**

Peabody Energy,the worlds largest Coal company  
filed for bankruptcy. It was worth 20 Billion Dollars.  
Now its worth 38 Million.

### **Riff Tempo**

The coal industry has gone from a market cap  
of 69 Billion to 4.8 Billion.

### **Wrang Zuppa**

He speaks at a third grade level

### **Weirdola**

70 % of the land devoted to agriculture  
is devoted to meat production. That's  
almost 1/3 of the entire surface area for  
Red Meat,Pork and Chicken.

### **Russell Sprouts**

It takes 25 hundred gallons of water  
to produce a bushel of corn

### **Weirdola**

An animal eats 50 bushels of corn  
in its time in the feed lot

To produce a single pound of beef  
requires 1,800 gallons of water

### **Mick Richards**

Nearly half of the countries fruits  
and vegetables are grown in California

### **Wrang Zuppa**

Once a Monster Always a monster

### **Riff Tempo**

He's the most thin skinned person in history  
and reacts to the smallest slights.  
With the hair trigger of a wounded ego of  
a male flight attendant.

### **Wrang Zuppa**

its dangerous when we focus on the  
process and not the substance

### **Riff Tempo**

He's completely uneducated  
about any part of the world

### **Wrang Zuppa**

Its been a fascinating exercise in  
human nature and the power of the ego

### **Henry Riddle**

We don't like him but sometimes  
you need to use a rat to kill a snake.

### **Mustard Greens**

The studies say that laughter contributes  
to the sense of well being more than anything else

### **Russell Sprouts**

There's at least a hundred million  
tons of plastic in the ocean

### **Bobby Venus**

Poverty is not a trait in character.  
It is created by circumstances



**Mick Richards**

Help the most vulnerable people

**Henry Riddle**

You should think about everything you say  
not say everything you think

**Weirdola**

I see beauty in ugly things

**Wrang Zuppa**

He has a most remarkable unsophisticated  
view of the world outside of his head.

**Mustard Greens**

The idea that there is a core piece of yourself that  
with every decision you make you can change  
that piece of yourself to either something that is  
holier or more degraded.

**Wrang Zuppa**

He took the style of professional wrestling and he  
brought it to politics. He's polluting the cultural atmosphere  
He's offered us a different and uglier form of masculinity.

**Mustard Greens**

It helps to have the emotional capacity  
to complete and a curious mind.

**Riff Tempo**

Fuse yourself with another person, another identity.

**Mustard Greens**

The hedgehog knows one thing. The fox knows many things.

**Riff Tempo**

I know it's meant to capture a reflective moment.

**Pick Scales**

The most unhappy people in the world are  
the ones that see life as dripping by.

### **Russell Sprouts**

Judge people by their individual worth and human dignity.

### **Weirdola**

Depression is the inability to construct a future.

### **Wrack Zuppa**

He is using this limited way of thinking because he is lonely.  
He has no one around and he is powerless and that's an  
easy source of power because he can't get rejected by it.  
He says this is my team and he gets validated. When people  
lash out they choose the closest thing to them.

### **Weirdola**

He lacks both a hero's calm and a coward's resolve.

His obsessive self-promotion are symptoms of  
inner weakness and a transparent childish impulse that  
everyone can see. They're laughing at how obvious it is that he is  
an abandoned, frightened child swirling in a black emptiness.

### **The slam ended there**



